

<b>Garley Fire</b>	<b>Fire  Update</b>	<b>Cibola National Forest/Laguna Pueblo</b>
<b>May 23, 2006 8:00 am</b>	<b>Fire Information Center: (505) 430-8912</b>	
<b>For Immediate Release</b>	<b>Web updates: <a href="http://www.nmimt.com/assignment.htm">www.nmimt.com/assignment.htm</a></b>	

## **Fire Statistics**

<b>Date Started:</b> 5/19/06	<b>Cause of Ignition:</b> Lightning	<b>Location:</b> SE of Mt. Taylor, approx. 6 miles north of Cubero, NM
<b>Size:</b> 115 acres	<b>Percent Containment:</b> 90 % (Expect full containment 5/23/06 @2300 Hrs)	<b>Estimated Cost to Date:</b> \$450,000
<b>Personnel:</b> 248	<b>Aircraft:</b> 2 helicopters	<b>Equipment/Crews:</b> 9 Crews, 3 Engines, 1 Water Tender

## **Garley Fire Tested By Strong Winds, Lines Hold**

**Grants, NM** (May 23, 2006) – Fire crews continue to work on the containment lines around the perimeter of the Garley fire, located 6 miles north of Cubero, NM, on the southeast side of Mt. Taylor. The fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine and beetle kill on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and Laguna Pueblo Lands. The fire's size has held at 115 acres. Approximately 15% of the fire is on Forest Service lands and 85% is on Laguna Pueblo lands.

“The fire was tested throughout the day by extremely high winds,” says Alan Beaty, Deputy Incident Commander. “Since the lines held despite the severe wind conditions, we will be downsizing the organization and returning the fire to the management of the Mt. Taylor Ranger District and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.”

The New Mexico Incident Management Team will be turning over management of the Garley Fire to a Type III Incident Management organization Wednesday morning. Approximately 45 firefighters will continue to work on mop-up and rehabilitation of the firelines. The fire is expected to be 100% contained by this evening.

### **Today's Plan**

Fire crews will continue to patrol existing fire lines and carry out mop-up operations.

**\*\* THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWS RELEASE FOR THE GARLEY FIRE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED. AFTER TODAY, PLEASE CALL THE MT. TAYLOR RANGER DISTRICT (505-287-8833) FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE GARLEY FIRE.\*\***

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